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SPARK Innovation Competition

October 22, 2019

Today and tomorrow (Tues. – Wed., Oct. 22-23), 19 PCEC students will participate in the SPARK Southeast Innovation Competition on the GS Statesboro campus. The 24-hour shark tank style competition is sponsored by OBG/Ramboll.

Students are divided into teams to solve a sustainability problem that typically involves manufacturing engineering, construction/civil engineering, technology and the environment. This year's challenge problem will involve achieving zero waste-to-landfill operations.

The event begins today at 5pm in the IT Building, and concludes tomorrow at 4pm when the teams present their solutions to the judges in Nessmith-Lane room 1909. All winners receive cash prizes — the 1st place winners will give their presentation to the PCEC's Corporate Advisory Committee in November.

Started in 2013, SPARK has since been scaled to competitions held across the US, comprised of multiple universities and Fortune 50 companies. As part of each competition, diverse, cross-discipline student teams are provided problem statements and given just under 24 hours to come up with a solution. Guided by subject matter experts from Ramboll and industry partners, the teams ideate, develop concepts and pitch their solutions to a panel of academic and private sector judges to win a cash prize.

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